

§ 334.170 Chesapeake Bay, in the vicinity of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; firing range, Naval Research Laboratory.

(a) *The danger zone*—(1) *Area A.* A roughly rectangular area bounded on the north by latitude 38°39'55"; on the south by latitude 38°39'09"; on the east by longitude 76°31'03"; and on the west by the shore of Chesapeake Bay.

(2) *Area B.* The sector of a circle bounded by radii of 9,600 yards bearing 31° (to Bloody Point Bar Light) and 137°30' (to Choptank River Approach Buoy 2), respectively, from the center at the southeast corner of building No. 3; excluding Area A.

(3) *Area C.* The segment of a circle enclosed by the arcs of two circles having radii of 9,600 yards and 13,200 yards, respectively, and bounded by the extended radii marking the north and south limits of Area B.

NOTE: All bearings referred to true meridian.

(4) *Area D.* A roughly rectangular area bounded on the north by an east-west line through Chesapeake Beach Light 2 at the entrance channel to Fishing Creek; on the south by an east-west line through Plum Point Shoal Buoy 1 northeast from Breezy Point; on the east by the established fishing structure limit line; and on the west by the shore of Chesapeake Bay.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) No person or vessel shall enter or remain in Area A at any time.

(2) No person or vessel shall enter or remain in Area B or Area C between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily except Sundays, except that through navigation of commercial craft will be permitted in Area C at all times, but such vessels shall proceed on their normal course and shall not delay their progress.

(3) No fishing structures, other than those presently in established locations, which may be maintained, will be permitted to be established in Area D without specific permission from the Commanding Officer, Naval Research Laboratory.

(4) The areas will be in use throughout the year, and no further notice is contemplated that firing is continuing.

(5) Prior to the conduct of each firing practice a patrol vessel will patrol the range to warn navigation. "Baker" will

be flown from a conspicuous point on the patrol vessel and from a prominent position on shore.

(6) This section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

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§ 334.180 Patuxent River, Md.; restricted areas, U.S. Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.

(a) Except in the gut off the tip of Point Patience, no person in the water and no craft shall approach closer than 75 yards to the beaches, shoreline, or piers of the area formerly occupied by the U.S. Naval Mine Warfare Test Station, or of U.S. Naval Air Station property. A person in the water or a civilian craft shall not approach rafts, barges, or platforms closer than 100 yards.

(b) Diving tenders will exhibit a square red flag with white X when underwater diving takes place from naval small craft. At such times, persons in the water and civilian craft shall stay at least 200 yards clear of these vessels and the civilian craft shall proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when within 1,000 yards thereof.

(c) On occasions, seaplane landings and takeoffs will be practiced in the seadrome area north of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River. This area includes those waters of the Patuxent River between Town Point and Hog Point shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at a point on the shore just west of Lewis Creek, bearing 161°30' true, 2,000 yards from Patuxent River Light 8; thence to a point bearing 130° true, 1,850 yards from Patuxent River Light 8; thence to a point bearing 247°30' true, 3,650 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to point bearing 235° true, 2,060 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to a point bearing 129° true, 700 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to a point bearing 137° true, 1,060 yards from Drum Point Light 2; and thence to a point on the shore west of Harper Creek entrance, bearing 158°30' true, 1,900 yards from Drum Point Light 2.

(d) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., and such agencies as he may designate.

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§ 334.190 Chesapeake Bay, in vicinity of Bloodsworth Island, MD, U.S. Navy.

(a) *The areas*—(1) *Prohibited area.* All waters within a circle 0.5 miles in radius with its center at latitude 38°10'00", longitude 76°06'00"; Bloodsworth Island, Pone Island, Northeast Island, and Adams Island.

(2) *The danger zone.* All waters of Chesapeake Bay and Tangier Sound within an area bounded as follows: Beginning at latitude 38°08'15", longitude 76°10'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°10'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°07'00"; thence to latitude 38°13'00", longitude 76°06'00"; thence to latitude 38°13'00", longitude 76°04'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°02'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°00'00"; thence to latitude 38°08'15", longitude 76°00'00"; thence to the point of beginning, excluding the prohibited area described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) No person, vessel or other craft shall approach closer than 75 yards to the beaches, shoreline, or piers of Bloodsworth Island, Pone Island, Northeast Island, Adams Island, or any Patuxent River Naval Air Station property at any time unless authorized to do so by the enforcing agency. No person, vessel or other craft shall approach rafts, barges, or platforms closer than 100 yards.

(2) No person, vessel, or other craft shall enter or remain in the danger zone when notified by the enforcing authority to keep clear. Any watercraft under way or at anchor, upon being so warned, shall immediately vacate the area and shall remain outside the area until conclusion of potentially hazardous test or training events.

(3) The area will be in use intermittently throughout the year.

(4) Prior to the commencement of any potentially hazardous test or training event that requires clearing of

non-participant boats from the danger zone, surface or air search of the entire area will be made for the purpose of locating and warning all craft and persons not connected with the test or training event, and a patrol will be maintained throughout the duration of the event.

(5) All persons, vessels, or other craft shall clear the area when warned by patrol vessels.

(6) Patrol vessels will provide warning that a potentially hazardous test or training event is in progress or is about to commence; when so warned, fishing or oystering vessels or other craft not directly connected with the event shall not navigate within the danger zone. Deep-draft vessels proceeding in established navigation channels normally will be permitted to traverse the area upon coordination with range patrol vessels. The patrol vessels will ensure safe separation between all non-participant vessels and potentially hazardous operations.

(7) When potentially hazardous testing or training is not in progress or is not about to commence, oystering and fishing boats and other craft may operate within the danger zone.

(8) All potentially hazardous test or training events will be performed in such a way as to contain the hazard footprint to the established danger zone described in paragraph (a) of this section. Naval authorities will not be responsible for damage to nets, traps, buoys, pots, fish pounds, stakes, or other equipment that may be located within the danger zone.

(9) Nothing in this regulation shall be intended to prevent the lawful use of approved waterfowl hunting blinds along the shorelines of Bloodsworth Island range complex, provided that all necessary licenses and permits have been obtained from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the completed copy of the permit has been submitted to the Conservation Division Director at NAS Patuxent River. Waterfowl hunters must observe all warnings and range clearances, as noted herein.

(10) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Air Station Patuxent River,